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Applicant : George Nichols et al.  
Serial No. : 09/458,248  
Filed : December 9, 1999  
Title : AUTOMOBILE PILLAR ELECTROACOUSTICAL TRANSDUCING

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Examiner : Suhan Ni

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT B

Dear Commissioner:

Responsive to the office action dated August 14, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

CLAIMS

Please amend claims 18 and 20 as follows:

B1  
18. (Amended.) A structural automobile pillar containing acoustic assembly  
said acoustic assembly including an acoustical driver and an acoustic element,  
wherein said pillar is an A-pillar,  
wherein said acoustic element is an acoustic volume,  
wherein said acoustic volume is ported,  
further comprising a second transducer.

B2  
20. (Twice Amended.) An acoustic assembly comprising,  
an electroacoustical transducer,  
and an acoustic element, separate from said electroacoustical transducer, designed  
and constructed to improve the acoustic performance of said electroacoustical transducer,

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said acoustic assembly designed and constructed to be an element of a vehicle  
pillar,

wherein said vehicle pillar is an A-pillar  
further comprising a second electroacoustical transducer.